In communities overshadowed by oppression,

fear, hatred of the other, or injustice

***Lord shed your light***

In our world overshadowed by greed,

war, hunger and global warming

***Lord shed your light***

*The Lord’s Prayer*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***hallowed be your name,***

***your kingdom come,***

***your will be done,***

***on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins***

***as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Lead us not into temptation***

***but deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power,***

***and the glory are yours***

***now and for ever. Amen.***

**Going to love and serve**

Revealing Lord,

***by your Spirit,***

***help us to bear your light today.***

***Amen.***

*Optional:*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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**Thursday Morning and Epiphany – Revealing Lord**

**An Alternative Daily Office**

**Becoming present to God**

*Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle or*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*or*

Jesus said,” I am the light of the world. ***Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.”*** (John 8:12)

*or*

Lord of all light,

***Shine your light into our lives today,***

***that we may walk in your light.***

**Celebrating the presence of God**

God of all light,

through whose Son Jesus Christ

our lives have been rescued

from the power of darkness

and transferred into

the kingdom of your beloved Son,

***we give you praise***

***that you have enabled us***

***to share in the inheritance of the saints***

***in the eternal light of glory.***

We give you thanks

for the hope you have set in our hearts

and the pathway to the light

upon which you have set our feet dancing.

***Help us this day***

***to walk in the light of your Spirit***

***as we seek to live for your glory.***

***In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks or praise*

**Acknowledging our humanity**

God beyond our imagining,

who dwells in unapproachable light,

we confess that your glory

has not been shown through our lives,

but your image has been marred in us.

***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts***

***and forgive us.***

We confess that your truth

has not been heard upon our lips,

but rather we have spoken words

of compromise and cheap grace.

***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts***

***And forgive us.***

We confess that your compassionate love

has not been expressed through our hands,

but they have hung limp with indifference.

***Lord, shine your light in the depths of our hearts***

***And forgive us.***

*(Silence)*

So fill our hearts this day

with your Spirit’s light

***that we might speak truth,***

***act compassionately***

***and in all things show forth your glory. Amen.***

**Listening for the Word of God**

From *The Common Lectionary*

**Canticle -** *Optional*

*Raised with Christ*

So if you have been raised with Christ,

seek the things that are above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

***Set your minds on things that are above,***

***not on things that are on earth,***

For you have died,

and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

***When Christ who is your life is revealed,***

***then you also will be revealed with him in glory***.

(Colossians 3:1-4)

**Reflecting on our roots**

***Living God, enable us this day***

***to be pilgrims and companions:***

***committed to the way of Christ,***

***faithful to the call of Christ,***

***discerning the mind of Christ,***

***offering the welcome of Christ,***

***growing in the likeness of Christ,***

***engaging in the mission of Christ,***

***in the world that belongs to Christ.***

**Bringing our concerns**

Revealing Lord,

wherever there is darkness

***Lord shed your light***

In homes overshadowed by violence,

poverty, illness or grief

***Lord shed your light***